

Electoral Commission 2012 Winter Research: BME Boost Topline Findings

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Technical Details

- The following report contrasts findings from the Mainstage of the 2012 Winter Tracker with findings for the BME Boost, which was conducted in parallel and funded by the Cabinet Office

Mainstage

- TNS BMRB interviewed a nationally representative quota sample of 1,200 adults living in the UK and aged 18+. The sample consisted of 998 interviews with people living in Great Britain and a boost of 202 interviews with people living in Northern Ireland.
- The survey was conducted by telephone and took place between 7th and 10th December 2012.
- Data was weighted to match the profile of the UK population using a range of variables including gender, age, working status, social grade and region.

BME Boost

- In addition to the mainstage of interviewing, a 'BME boost' was conducted amongst black and minority ethnic groups aged 18+ living in the UK.
- As part of the Boost survey, TNS BMRB interviewed 999 BME respondents living in Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Quotas were set to ensure a representative sample of each target ethnic groups was achieved.
- An additional 94 BME respondents were interviewed as part of the Mainstage were and added to the BME dataset.
- The survey was conducted by telephone and took place between 7th and 23rd December 2012.
- The BME boost used a similar questionnaire to the Mainstage, with some additional questions asked of BME respondents. The BME respondents from the Mainstage sample were not asked the specific BME Boost questions. Throughout this report, base size descriptions should make clear which groups were asked each question.
- Data was weighted to match the profile of the UK BME population using a range of variables including ethnicity, gender, age, region, working status and religion.

General

- Where results do not sum to 100%, this is because of rounding, multiple response codes or the exclusion of 'Don't know' responses.
- An asterisk (*) represents results of less than half a percent.
- A dash (-) represents results where a response code was unused by respondents.

Summary of Key Results

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- The summary report highlights the key differences between the attitudes amongst the overall UK population and those of the UK's BME population.

Voting and Registration

- Whilst the BME population reports similar voting habits to the wider UK population, they appear to have greater confidence in the way elections are run in Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
- Despite this higher level of confidence, BME respondents have a lower level of self-reported knowledge about the process of voting and electoral registration.
- Around half (53%) of BME respondents said that they always vote at general elections, with a quarter (25%) saying they sometimes vote. This is similar to self-reported voting habits amongst the wider population, 55% of who claim to always vote with 27% saying the sometimes vote.
- Over two thirds of BME respondents (69%) said they were confident that elections in Great Britain/Northern Ireland are well run. A quarter (25%) said they were very confident. This is a higher level of confidence than that found amongst the wider population, 61% of who said they were confident, with 18% very confident.
- BME respondents were also marginally more satisfied than the wider population with the actual process of voting at elections (68% vs. 64%).
- Although they reported a high level of confidence and satisfaction in the electoral system, BME respondents were less confident that they know how to go about casting their vote. Just under half (48%) said they were very confident they knew how they would go about doing this, compared to over two thirds (69%) of the wider population.
- Similarly, 51% of BME respondents were very confident that they know how to go about registering to vote, compared to 63% of wider UK respondents.
- BME respondents were more likely than the wider UK population to be registered for a postal vote (39% vs. 29%).

Individual Electoral Registration

- In June 2011 the government announced plans to introduce Individual Electoral Registration (IER). Under IER individuals would be asked to provide 'identifying information', such as a Date of Birth and National Insurance number, when they apply to register.
- BME respondents were slightly less knowledgeable when asked about the personal identification that must be provided when registering to vote, though it is worth noting that knowledge on this topic is low amongst the wider population.
- When asked about the impact a requirement to provide additional 'identifying information' might have on their likelihood to register to vote, BME respondents were significantly more positive than the wider UK population.
- For each piece of identifying information listed, BME respondents were twice as likely to say it would make them more likely to register than the wider UK population (National Insurance number (15% vs. 8%), Date of Birth (20% vs. 9%), Signature (18% vs. 9%).
- Nine out of ten BME respondents (90%) said it would be easy for them to find their National Insurance number if they needed it for official purposes, but only 57% said it would be 'very easy' to find. This is lower than amongst the wider population; 95% of whom said it would be easy, with 75% saying it would be very easy.

Integrity of Elections

- Attitudes towards the integrity of elections were very similar between BME respondents and the wider UK population.
- Self reported knowledge of electoral fraud was low amongst both groups with only 7% of each saying they know 'a lot' about the issue and around a third saying they know 'a little' (36% of BME vs. 32% of wider UK).
- Attitudes regarding the extent to which electoral fraud represents a problem were also similar with 34% of BME respondents saying it was a problem, compared with 36% of the wider UK population.
- Asked about the perceived safety of various aspects of the voting process, 85% of both groups said they felt voting at a polling station was safe from fraud and abuse. Over half of each thought voting by post was safe (57% of BME vs. 53% of the wider UK), whilst roughly four out of five thought registering to vote was safe (81% of BME vs. 78% of the wider UK).

Voting

Q1. In general, how confident, if at all, are you that elections are well run in Great Britain/Northern Ireland? Are you...

READ OUT. SINGLE CODE. REVERSE ORDER.

Mainstage base: All (1,200)

BME base: All (1,093)

Non-BME base: All (1,096)

| | Mainstage | Non-BME | BME Boost |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | % | % | % |
| Very confident | 18 | 18 | 25 |
| Fairly confident | 43 | 43 | 45 |
| Not very confident | 20 | 21 | 18 |
| Not at all confident | 14 | 15 | 8 |
| Don't know | 5 | 4 | 5 |
| Confident | 61 | 61 | 69 |
| Not Confident | 34 | 36 | 25 |

Q2. Which of these statements best describes your attitude towards voting at General Elections?

READ OUT. SINGLE CODE. REVERSE ORDER OF 1 TO 3...

Mainstage base: All (1,200)

BME base: All (1,093)

Non-BME base: All (1,096)

| | Mainstage | Non-BME | BME Boost |
|---|-----------|---------|-----------|
| | % | % | % |
| I always vote at General Elections | 55 | 57 | 53 |
| I sometimes vote at General Elections | 27 | 27 | 25 |
| I never vote at General Elections | 14 | 14 | 13 |
| I've not been eligible in the past to vote at a General Election | 4 | 2 | 8 |
| Don't know | * | * | 1 |

Q3. Please tell me how much you agree or disagree with the following statement...

LOOP. READ OUT.

BME Base: Boost only (999)

| | I would be seriously neglecting my duty as a citizen if I didn't vote. | People are so busy that they don't have time to vote. |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| | % | % |
| Strongly agree | 29 | 8 |
| Agree | 40 | 30 |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 11 | 8 |
| Disagree | 12 | 35 |
| Strongly disagree | 5 | 17 |
| Don't know | 2 | 2 |
| Agree | 70 | 39 |
| Disagree | 17 | 52 |

Q4. On a scale from 0 to 10, where 10 means a great deal of influence and 0 means no influence, how much influence do you think you have on politics and public affairs?

BME Base: Boost only (999)

| | % |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| 10 – A great deal of influence | 4 |
| 9 | 2 |
| 8 | 3 |
| 7 | 6 |
| 6 | 7 |
| 5 | 18 |
| 4 | 10 |
| 3 | 9 |
| 2 | 5 |
| 1 | 3 |
| 0 – No influence | 27 |
| Mean Score | 3.54 |

Q5. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the actual process of voting at elections in Great Britain/Northern Ireland?

READ OUT. SINGLE CODE. REVERSE ORDER.

Mainstage base: All (1,200)

BME base: All (1,093)

Non-BME base: All (1,096)

| | Mainstage | Non-BME | BME Boost |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | % | % | % |
| Very satisfied | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| Fairly satisfied | 39 | 39 | 43 |
| Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | 19 | 17 | 18 |
| Fairly dissatisfied | 9 | 10 | 6 |
| Very dissatisfied | 7 | 7 | 5 |
| Don't know / no opinion | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Satisfied | 64 | 64 | 68 |
| Dissatisfied | 16 | 16 | 11 |

Q6. Why do you say you are dissatisfied with the actual process of voting at elections in Great Britain/Northern Ireland?

PROBE FULLY. DO NOT READ OUT. MULTICODE.

Mainstage Base: All those who are dissatisfied with the process of voting (169)

BME Base: All those who are dissatisfied with the process of voting (115)

Non-BME base: All those who are dissatisfied with the process of voting (154)

| | Mainstage | Non-BME | BME Boost |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | % | % | % |
| Voting System | 30 | 31 | 24 |
| The voting system is unfair | 18 | 19 | 10 |
| Because of the voting system, my vote doesn't count | 6 | 7 | 13 |
| I don't agree with the First Past the Post system / I would prefer Proportional Representation (PR) | 8 | 7 | 1 |
| The party/candidate I support has no chance of being elected under this voting system | 4 | 4 | 5 |
| Ease / Convenience of Voting | 21 | 22 | 29 |
| Difficulty in getting to a polling station | 10 | 10 | 14 |
| Voting is too confusing / I don't understand the system | 8 | 9 | 7 |
| There should be more choice on how and where | 2 | 2 | 5 |

| | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| to vote | | | |
| Should be able to vote online | 4 | 4 | 5 |
| Politicians / The Political System | 30 | 31 | 19 |
| Don't like/trust politicians | 17 | 16 | 12 |
| You never see politicians except at election time | 5 | 6 | 2 |
| Politicians do not deliver on what they promise | 17 | 18 | 12 |
| Other | 38 | 39 | 36 |
| There is no point in voting / it doesn't make any difference | 7 | 8 | 5 |
| The procedure for voting is open to fraud and abuse | 8 | 8 | 3 |
| Can't be bothered with it | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| General dissatisfaction with politicians and political parties | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| I do not know where I can get information about the process of voting | - | - | 1 |
| Not enough information about the candidates /parties | - | - | 8 |
| Other | 18 | 18 | 14 |
| Don't know | 5 | 5 | 10 |

Q9. How confident, if at all, are you that you know how to go about casting your vote at an election?

READ OUT. SINGLE CODE. REVERSE ORDER.

Mainstage base: All (1,200)

BME base: All (1,093)

Non-BME base: All (1,096)

| | Mainstage | Non-BME | BME Boost |
|-----------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | % | % | % |
| Very confident | 69 | 71 | 48 |
| Fairly confident | 24 | 21 | 37 |
| Not very confident | 4 | 4 | 9 |
| Not at all confident | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| Don't know | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Confident | 92 | 93 | 85 |
| Not Confident | 7 | 7 | 13 |

Registration

Q10. How confident, if at all, are you that you know how to go about registering to vote?

READ OUT. SINGLE CODE. REVERSE ORDER.

Mainstage base: All (1,200)

BME base: All (1,093)

Non-BME base: All (1,096)

| | Mainstage | Non-BME | BME Boost |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | % | % | % |
| Very confident | 63 | 65 | 51 |
| Fairly confident | 28 | 27 | 35 |
| Not very confident | 5 | 5 | 8 |
| Not at all confident | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| Don't know | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Confident | 91 | 91 | 86 |
| Not confident | 8 | 7 | 13 |

Q11. As far as you know, is your name on the electoral register, that is, the official list of people entitled to vote, either where you are living now or somewhere else?

MULTICODE FOR 1 AND 2 ONLY

Mainstage base: All (1,200)

BME base: All (1,093)

Non-BME base: All (1,096)

| | Mainstage | Non-BME | BME Boost |
|-------------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| | % | % | % |
| Yes – where living now | 91 | 95 | 87 |
| Yes – another address | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| No | 4 | 1 | 7 |
| DK | 2 | 1 | 3 |

Q12. Why are you not registered to vote (ADD IF 'YES – ANOTHER ADDRESS': where you are living now)?

PROBE FULLY. DO NOT READ OUT LIST. MULTICODE OK

Mainstage Base: All those who are not registered to vote or not registered where they are living now (60)

BME Base: All those who are not registered to vote or not registered where they are living now (92)

Non-BME base: All those who are not registered to vote or not registered where they are living now (42 – caution small base)

| | Mainstage | Non-BME | BME Boost |
|---|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | % | % | % |
| Just moved | 23 | 33 | 21 |
| Not bothered | 6 | 10 | 2 |
| Haven't got round to it | 16 | 11 | 9 |
| Not eligible for reason(s) other than age (e.g. nationality) | 12 | 8 | 39 |
| Don't know how to register | 3 | 7 | 2 |
| More convenient/prefer to be registered at second home | 4 | 9 | 2 |
| Not old enough/not eligible | 13 | 5 | 8 |
| Other | 18 | 18 | 16 |
| Don't know | 6 | 3 | 6 |

Q13. What is the reason(s) you are not eligible to vote?

BME Base: Boost only - All adults who are not eligible to vote for reasons other than age (20 – small base. See data tables for further information)

Q14. If you needed more information on how to go about registering to vote, where would you get it from?

BME Base: Boost only (999)

| | BME Boost |
|---|------------------|
| | % |
| Contact the local authority / council / town hall / | 41 |
| Contact the local community / civic / information centre | 2 |
| Local library | 6 |
| Citizens Advice Bureau | 2 |
| Registration / registry office | 1 |
| Electoral roll / register / form | 1 |
| MP's office / local MP | 1 |
| School / college / university | 2 |
| Post Office | 2 |
| Would expect to receive a letter explaining what to do | 9 |
| Would call someone (unspecified who) | 1 |
| Media (TV / Newspapers / Radio) | 2 |
| Government websites such as DirectGov | 3 |
| Council website | 3 |
| Google (specific mention) | 3 |
| Internet / online (no detail given) | 42 |
| Ask a friend or family member | 4 |
| Other | 7 |
| Don't know | 8 |

Q15. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the system of registering to vote in Great Britain/Northern Ireland?

READ OUT. REVERSE ORDER. SINGLE CODE.

Mainstage base: All (1,200)

BME base: All (1,093)

Non-BME base: All (1,096)

| | Mainstage | Non-BME | BME Boost |
|---|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | % | % | % |
| Very satisfied | 39 | 41 | 34 |
| Fairly satisfied | 37 | 36 | 43 |
| Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Fairly dissatisfied | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Very dissatisfied | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Don't know / no opinion | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Satisfied | 76 | 77 | 77 |
| Dissatisfied | 5 | 5 | 5 |

Q16. Why are you dissatisfied with the system of registering to vote in Great Britain/Northern Ireland?

PROBE FULLY. DO NOT READ OUT LIST. MULTICODE.

Mainstage base: All those dissatisfied with the system of registering to vote (55)

BME base: All those dissatisfied with the system of registering to vote (47 – caution small base)

Non-BME base: All those dissatisfied with the system of registering to vote (47 – caution small base)

| | Mainstage | Non-BME | BME Boost |
|--|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | % | % | % |
| Difficult / Confusing | 35 | 24 | 39 |
| I don't know how to register to vote | 8 | 6 | 12 |
| It is too confusing / I don't understand the system | 14 | 17 | 10 |
| It is not easy / they could make it easier | 17 | 10 | 13 |
| They do not promote / advertise where / when to register | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| It is Inconvenient | 30 | 25 | 14 |
| It is cumbersome / takes too long | 6 | 8 | 4 |
| You should be able to register to vote over the telephone | 10 | 13 | - |
| You should be able to register to vote online | 23 | 17 | 7 |
| You should not have to re-register every year | - | - | 3 |
| Mistakes / Problems | 11 | 14 | |
| The post is unreliable | 9 | 12 | - |
| The council makes mistakes with my personal details | 2 | 3 | - |
| Not Secure | 7 | 8 | 2 |
| The system of registering to vote is open to fraud and abuse | 7 | 8 | 2 |
| Other | 35 | 38 | 40 |
| There should not be a fine for not registering | - | - | 3 |
| There should be more limitations on who can vote | 5 | 5 | 3 |
| There is no point voting / voting makes no difference | 10 | 8 | 12 |
| I do not know where I can get information about the process of registering to vote | 6 | 8 | - |
| Other answer | 14 | 17 | 25 |
| Don't know | 7 | 8 | 17 |

Q17a. As you may know, forms are sent out to households every year to keep the electoral register up to date. This form requires someone to provide or confirm the names of all people living in the household who are eligible to vote. Did you or your household receive a form this year?

SINGLE CODE

Mainstage base: All in GB (998)

BME base: All in GB (1,078)

Non-BME base: All in GB (896)

| | Mainstage | Non-BME | BME Boost |
|---|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | % | % | % |
| Yes | 89 | 92 | 85 |
| No | 6 | 5 | 11 |
| Don't know / can't remember if received the form | 5 | 3 | 5 |

Q17b. PROBE IF YES: And did you, or someone else in your household, provide or confirm your details?

MULTICODE OK FOR 1 & 2.

Mainstage base: All in GB who remember receiving a form (921)

BME base: All in GB who remember receiving a form (903)

Non-BME base: All in GB who remember receiving a form (835)

| | Mainstage | Non-BME | BME Boost |
|--|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | % | % | % |
| Yes - me | 78 | 79 | 73 |
| Yes - someone else in household | 19 | 18 | 22 |
| Yes - but no-one completed/confirmed | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Yes - Don't know / can't remember who filled in | 7 | 7 | 7 |

Q18. Thinking about the system of registering to vote in Great Britain / Northern Ireland, how confident are you that...

READ OUT. SINGLE CODE. RANDOMISE.

Mainstage base: All (1,200)

BME base: All (1,093)

Non-BME base: All (1,096)

| Q18_1) ...in general, voters' personal details are held securely? | | | |
|--|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | Mainstage | Non-BME | BME Boost |
| | % | % | % |
| Very confident | 20 | 18 | 24 |
| Fairly confident | 47 | 48 | 47 |
| Not very confident | 21 | 21 | 17 |
| Not at all confident | 9 | 9 | 8 |
| Don't know | 4 | 4 | 5 |
| Confident | 66 | 66 | 70 |
| Not confident | 30 | 30 | 25 |

| Q18_2)...your own personal details are held securely? | | | |
|--|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | Mainstage | Non-BME | BME Boost |
| | % | % | % |
| Very confident | 19 | 18 | 27 |
| Fairly confident | 48 | 50 | 44 |
| Not very confident | 20 | 21 | 18 |
| Not at all confident | 9 | 9 | 8 |
| Don't know | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| Confident | 67 | 68 | 70 |
| Not confident | 30 | 29 | 26 |

| Q18_3) ...the system prevents people who should not be on the register from registering? | | | |
|---|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | Mainstage | Non-BME | BME Boost |
| | % | % | % |
| Very confident | 12 | 12 | 17 |
| Fairly confident | 41 | 41 | 39 |
| Not very confident | 24 | 24 | 19 |
| Not at all confident | 8 | 9 | 9 |
| Don't know | 14 | 15 | 15 |
| Confident | 53 | 53 | 57 |
| Not confident | 32 | 32 | 28 |

Q19. Thinking about the last time you registered to vote, how easy or difficult did you find it to provide or confirm the details (you may have done this using a paper form, on the Internet or by telephone)?

READ OUT. SINGLE CODE. REVERSE ORDER.

BME base: All (1,093)

| | % |
|--|-----------|
| Very easy | 53 |
| Fairly easy | 29 |
| Neither easy nor difficult | 5 |
| Fairly difficult | 2 |
| Very difficult | 1 |
| Don't know/can't remember | 1 |
| I have never registered to vote | 10 |
| Easy | 82 |
| Difficult | 3 |

Q20. Are you currently registered for a postal vote? That is, registered to send your ballot paper through the post, rather than having to go to a polling station?

SINGLE CODE.

Mainstage base: All those who are registered to vote (1,162)

BME base: All those who are registered to vote (1,009)

Non-BME base: All those who are registered to vote (1,071)

| | Mainstage | Non-BME | BME Boost |
|--|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | % | % | % |
| Yes, am registered for a postal vote | 29 | 29 | 39 |
| No, am not registered for a postal vote | 65 | 65 | 55 |
| Don't know | 6 | 5 | 6 |

Q21. Please tell me if you think that the following statements about registering to vote in Great Britain are true or false. If you don't know, just say so and we will move on to the next question.

READ OUT. RANDOMISE ORDER

Mainstage base: All in Great Britain (998)

BME base: All in Great Britain (1,078)

Non-BME base: All in Great Britain (896)

| | Q21_1) In order to register to vote everyone must provide their National Insurance Number | | | Q21_2) In order to register to vote everyone must provide their date of birth | | |
|-------------------|--|----------------|------------------|--|----------------|------------------|
| | Mainstage | Non-BME | BME Boost | Mainstage | Non-BME | BME Boost |
| | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| True | 25 | 25 | 32 | 78 | 79 | 81 |
| False | 53 | 52 | 51 | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Don't Know | 22 | 23 | 17 | 10 | 12 | 7 |

| | Q21_3) In order to register to vote everyone must provide their signature | | | Q21_4) People can register to vote, or change their voting registration details such as those on where they live, at most points during the year | | |
|-------------------|--|----------------|------------------|---|----------------|------------------|
| | Mainstage | Non-BME | BME Boost | Mainstage | Non-BME | BME Boost |
| | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| True | 43 | 41 | 53 | 59 | 59 | 60 |
| False | 43 | 44 | 35 | 16 | 15 | 13 |
| Don't Know | 14 | 14 | 12 | 25 | 26 | 27 |

Q22. At the moment, when registering to vote in Great Britain, you are not required to provide a National Insurance number or date of birth and only the person filling in the form must provide their signature. Would a requirement to personally provide your (INSERT A-C IN TURN) when you register to vote make you more likely to register, less likely to register or would it make no difference?

RANDOMISE ORDER OF A-C. SINGLE CODE ONLY FOR EACH.

Mainstage base: All in Great Britain (998)

BME base: All in Great Britain (1,078)

Non-BME base: All in Great Britain (896)

| Q22_1 | National Insurance Number | | |
|---|---------------------------|---------|-----------|
| | Mainstage | Non-BME | BME Boost |
| | % | % | % |
| More likely | 8 | 9 | 15 |
| Less likely | 17 | 14 | 16 |
| It would make no difference | 73 | 75 | 65 |
| Not eligible to vote (SPONTANEOUS ONLY) | - | - | 1 |
| Don't know | 2 | 2 | 4 |

| Q22_2 | Date of Birth | | |
|---|---------------|---------|-----------|
| | Mainstage | Non-BME | BME Boost |
| | % | % | % |
| More likely | 9 | 9 | 20 |
| Less likely | 6 | 4 | 9 |
| It would make no difference | 83 | 85 | 67 |
| Not eligible to vote (SPONTANEOUS ONLY) | - | - | 1 |
| Don't know | 2 | 2 | 4 |

| Q22_3 | Signature | | |
|---|-----------|---------|-----------|
| | Mainstage | Non-BME | BME Boost |
| | % | % | % |
| More likely | 9 | 9 | 18 |
| Less likely | 5 | 5 | 8 |
| It would make no difference | 83 | 84 | 69 |
| Not eligible to vote (SPONTANEOUS ONLY) | - | - | 1 |
| Don't know | 2 | 2 | 4 |

Q23. Why would a requirement for you to provide your [National Insurance number or date of birth or signature] when registering to vote make you less likely to register?

PROBE FULLY. DO NOT READ OUT. MULTICODE.

Mainstage base: All those who answer that providing NI, DOB or Signature would make them less likely to register (197)

BME base: All those who answer that providing NI, DOB or Signature would make them less likely to register (270)

Non-BME base: All those who answer that providing NI, DOB or Signature would make them less likely to register (165)

| | Mainstage | Non-BME | BME Boost |
|--|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | % | % | % |
| Because of fraud/identity fraud | 20 | 20 | 21 |
| Do not like giving personal details out | 32 | 27 | 34 |
| No need/already have enough details | 12 | 13 | 10 |
| Invasion of privacy/should be kept confidential | 17 | 18 | 12 |
| Hard to find National Insurance number | 8 | 10 | 6 |
| May fall into wrong hands | 8 | 10 | 5 |
| May be used for other purposes | 5 | 6 | 1 |
| Too much hassle/time consuming | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| Do not want anyone to know my National Insurance number | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Security risk | 12 | 13 | 4 |
| Signature could be copied | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Would prefer to register online/by phone | 1 | 2 | * |
| Do not like the idea of a data base | 2 | 2 | - |
| Other | 13 | 10 | 10 |
| Don't know | 3 | 4 | 12 |
| None of these | 1 | 1 | 5 |

Q24. How easy or difficult would it be for you to provide your National Insurance number if you needed it for official purposes?

READ OUT. SINGLE CODE. REVERSE ORDER.

Mainstage base: All (1,200)

BME base: All (1,093)

Non-BME base: All (1,096)

| | Mainstage | Non-BME | BME Boost |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | % | % | % |
| Very easy | 75 | 77 | 57 |
| Fairly easy | 20 | 18 | 33 |
| Fairly difficult | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| Very difficult | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Don't know | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Easy | 95 | 95 | 90 |
| Difficult | 4 | 4 | 9 |

Integrity of Elections

Q25. As you may know, there are many types of fraud such as benefit fraud and insurance fraud. From what you know or have heard, how much do you feel you understand about electoral fraud in the UK, that is fraud relating to elections and voting? Would you say....?

READ OUT. SINGLE CODE. REVERSE ORDER.

Mainstage base: All (1,200)

BME base: All (1,093)

Non-BME base: All (1,096)

| | Mainstage | Non-BME | BME Boost |
|-------------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| | % | % | % |
| A lot | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| A little | 32 | 32 | 36 |
| Hardly anything at all | 31 | 32 | 22 |
| Nothing at all | 29 | 28 | 32 |
| Don't know | 1 | 1 | 3 |

Q26. How much of a problem, if at all, do you think electoral fraud, that is fraud relating to elections and voting, is in Great Britain/Northern Ireland? Do you think it is...

READ OUT. SINGLE CODE. REVERSE ORDER.

Mainstage base: All (1,200)

BME base: All (1,093)

Non-BME base: All (1,096)

| | Mainstage | Non-BME | BME Boost |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | % | % | % |
| A very big problem | 9 | 9 | 11 |
| A fairly big problem | 27 | 26 | 23 |
| Not a very big problem | 39 | 40 | 35 |
| Not a problem at all | 12 | 11 | 16 |
| Don't know | 13 | 13 | 15 |
| A problem | 36 | 35 | 34 |
| Not a very big problem / not a problem at all | 52 | 51 | 52 |

Q27. And why do you say electoral fraud is a problem?

OPEN ENDED QUESTION.

Mainstage base: All who believe electoral fraud is a problem (450)

BME base: All who believe electoral fraud is a problem (374)

Non-BME base: All who believe electoral fraud is a problem (412)

| | Mainstage | Non-BME | BME Boost |
|---|-----------|---------|-----------|
| | % | % | % |
| Fraud does go on / is a problem / is easy | 14 | 14 | 20 |
| Issues of fraud with the postal vote | 5 | 5 | 3 |
| Wrong people / party getting into power | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| Can distort the vote / affect the result | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| People being influenced who to vote for / voting within their communities | 4 | 4 | 1 |
| Dishonest MP's / party's | 2 | 2 | * |
| People not being honest / being dishonest | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Too many people / government doesn't know who is supposed to be here and who isn't | 2 | 2 | * |
| Identity / data theft / computer hacking | 7 | 7 | 13 |
| Using names of people who have died | * | * | * |
| Inventing false names and addresses | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Issues being in a shared occupancy house / added names to forms | 1 | 1 | * |
| Immigration issues / illegal immigrants | 7 | 8 | 1 |
| People getting benefits that they are not entitled to | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| People able to vote who are not eligible / entitled / registered | 7 | 8 | 3 |
| People voting multiple times | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| People voting who are not the person on the polling card / should show some form of identity (not just the polling card) | 12 | 13 | 12 |
| Hear about it in the press | 5 | 6 | 1 |
| Word of mouth / what I've heard | 1 | 1 | * |
| General lack of trust in the system | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Don't know | 11 | 7 | 16 |
| Other Answer | 22 | 20 | 23 |

Q28. Can I just check, have you...?

READ OUT. CODE ALL THAT APPLY.

Mainstage base: All (1,200)

BME base: All (1,093)

Non-BME base: All (1,096)

| | Mainstage | Non-BME | BME Boost |
|--|-----------|---------|-----------|
| | % | % | % |
| Seen stories in the media about electoral fraud happening in Great Britain/Northern Ireland | 29 | 30 | 26 |
| Heard from someone you know about electoral fraud happening | 9 | 8 | 11 |
| Had firsthand experience of seeing electoral fraud happen | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| None of these | 63 | 63 | 65 |
| Don't know | 1 | 1 | 1 |

Q30. Can I just check, what was the electoral fraud that you had firsthand experience of?

OPEN ENDED QUESTION.

Small base – see data tables for further information.

Q31. In general, when it comes to being safe from fraud or abuse, would you say that [INSERT: a, b and c] is very safe, fairly safe, neither safe nor unsafe, fairly unsafe or very unsafe.

READ OUT. SINGLE CODE EACH. REVERSE ORDER OF SCALE.

Mainstage base: All (1,200)

BME base: All (1,093)

Non-BME base: All (1,096)

Q31_1) Voting at a polling station

| | Mainstage | Non-BME | BME Boost |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | % | % | % |
| Very safe | 41 | 41 | 44 |
| Fairly safe | 44 | 43 | 40 |
| Neither safe nor unsafe | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Fairly unsafe | 6 | 6 | 5 |
| Very unsafe | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| Don't know | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Safe | 85 | 85 | 85 |
| Unsafe | 9 | 8 | 9 |

Q31_2) Voting by post

| | Mainstage | Non-BME | BME Boost |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | % | % | % |
| Very safe | 13 | 13 | 19 |
| Fairly safe | 40 | 41 | 38 |
| Neither safe nor unsafe | 8 | 9 | 7 |
| Fairly unsafe | 23 | 24 | 19 |
| Very unsafe | 9 | 8 | 9 |
| Don't know | 6 | 6 | 8 |
| Safe | 53 | 54 | 57 |
| Unsafe | 33 | 32 | 28 |

Q31_3) Registering to vote

| | Mainstage | Non-BME | BME Boost |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | % | % | % |
| Very safe | 23 | 22 | 34 |
| Fairly safe | 55 | 56 | 47 |
| Neither safe nor unsafe | 7 | 8 | 7 |
| Fairly unsafe | 8 | 9 | 5 |
| Very unsafe | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| Don't know | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| Safe | 78 | 78 | 81 |
| Unsafe | 11 | 12 | 7 |

Q36. And can I just check, are you...?

RANDOMISE ORDER. MULTICODE.

Mainstage base: All (1,200)

BME base: All (1,093)

Non-BME base: All (1,096)

| | Mainstage | Non-BME | BME Boost |
|--|-----------|---------|-----------|
| | % | % | % |
| A British citizen or citizen of the Republic of Ireland | 93 | 95 | 78 |
| A citizen of a European Union country | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| A citizen of a British Commonwealth country | 3 | 2 | 8 |
| A citizen of any other country | 2 | 1 | 10 |
| Don't know | * | * | * |